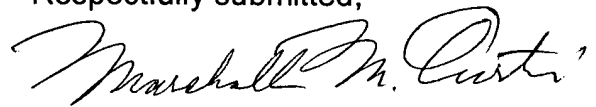


## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-40 are now pending in the application. Claims 7 to 16, 18 to 20, 22, 25 to 30, 32 to 34, and 37 to 40, have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marshall M. Curtis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Marshall" and last name "Curtis" being clearly legible, and the middle initial "M." in the center.

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